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L1 41 S (CCD OR CHARGE(W) COUPLED(W) DEVICE?) (15A) SCINTILLAT?  
L2 3 S L1 AND 250/370.11/CCLS  
L3 6 S L1 AND DETECT?(5A) GAMMA  
L4 1 S L3 AND COD?(3A) (APERTUR? OR MASK)

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1. 5,308,986, May 3, 1994, High efficiency, high resolution, real-time radiographic imaging system; James K. Walker, \*\*250/370.11\*\*, 367, 368; 385/143, 145 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]
2. 4,987,307, Jan. 22, 1991, Intrabuccal detector for X-ray Apparatus; Giorgio Rizzo, et al., 250/368, 370.09, \*\*370.11\*\*, 378/191 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]
3. 4,870,279, Sep. 26, 1989, High resolution X-ray detector; Michael K. Cueman, et al., 250/368, 366, 367, 370.09, \*\*370.11\*\* [IMAGE AVAILABLE]

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1. 5,308,986, May 3, 1994, High efficiency, high resolution, real-time radiographic imaging system; James K. Walker, 250/370.11, 367, 368; 385/143, 145 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]
2. 5,150,394, Sep. 22, 1992, Dual-energy system for quantitative radiographic imaging; Andrew Karellas, 378/62; 250/252.1, 368, 370.09, 385.1, 580; 378/19, 54, 98.9, 207 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]
3. 5,103,099, Apr. 7, 1992, Device for linear detection of radiation; Michel Bourdinaud, et al., 250/368, 487.1 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]
4. 5,012,499, Apr. 30, 1991, \*\*.gamma\*\*.-ray \*\*detecting\*\* device using dislocation-free crystal; Victor Vali, et al., 378/84, 145 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]
5. 4,864,140, Sep. 5, 1989, Coincidence detection system for positron emission tomography; W. Leslie Rogers, et al., 250/369, 363.03, 366 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]
6. 4,471,378, Sep. 11, 1984, Light and particle image intensifier; Sing Tai Ng, 348/162, 164, 207, 325; 378/98.7 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]

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1. 5,012,499, Apr. 30, 1991, \*\*.gamma\*\*.-ray \*\*detecting\*\* device using dislocation-free crystal; Victor Vali, et al., 378/84, 145 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]

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TITLE: \*\*.gamma\*\*.-ray \*\*detecting\*\* device using  
dislocation-free crystal

SUMMARY:  
BSUM(3)

The . . . astronomical objects is a relatively recent discovery in scientific history. This is primarily due to the high absorption rate of \*\*.gamma\*\*.-rays by the atmosphere, whereby \*\*detection\*\* of such \*\*.gamma\*\*.-ray emitting sources can only be performed from high altitude observatories such as balloon or satellite-borne telescopes. Gamma ray telescopes have. . . grazing-incidence .gamma.-ray telescopes substantially ineffective, the upper energy level for such instruments being typically on the order of 40 keV. \*\*Coded\*\* \*\*aperture\*\* telescopes can extend the observation region to much higher energies, on the order of 1000 keV. However, no conventional high. . .

SUMMARY:  
BSUM(5)

Therefore, there has been a need in the art for an \*\*.gamma\*\*.-ray \*\*detector\*\* capable of \*\*detecting\*\* and resolving high energy \*\*.gamma\*\*.-rays up to 10-20 MeV. There has also been a need for an .gamma.-ray imaging system that is capable of examining. . .

SUMMARY:

BSUM(7)

Broadly, the present invention provides a \*\*.gamma\*\*.-ray or x-ray \*\*detector\*\* or collimator that comprises a dislocation-free crystal. Typical presently available dislocation-free crystals are silicon and germanium. An active shield employed. . . the crystal. A detector is disposed adjacent the crystal to count .gamma.-rays transmitted by the crystal and hence provide for \*\*detection\*\* of \*\*.gamma\*\*.-rays emitted from the remote source. The \*\*.gamma\*\*.-ray \*\*detector\*\* or collimator of the present invention has angular resolution of at least one arc second and may have an effective. . .

CLMS(2)

2. The \*\*detector\*\* of claim 1 wherein the \*\*.gamma\*\*.-ray \*\*detector\*\* means comprises a \*\*.gamma\*\*.-ray \*\*detecting\*\* charge coupled device.